

National Guard Attacks 250 West

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Remember the letter Midway City Officials sent to the State of Utah informing them 250 West would be closed during the 2002 Winter

Olympics?

The City Council has been concerned about this section of road for a long time with the coming of the Olympics to our town. It is one of the main roads between Midway and Soldier Hollow. It is narrow and in great need of repair. The Midway City Council felt it would be unsafe for vehicles, parking and foot traffic combined, especially at the level of use it would get during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Originally the State of Utah and the Salt Lake Olympic Committee denied Midway City's application for help with improvements.

Midway City had put all of their Class C road money toward the project, but that would only cover the cost of materials.

After the denial, the councilmen sent a letter to the state telling them they had decided to close the road during the games.

So, things have changed.

There's going to be some real action on 250 West this summer. June 4 through June 13, to be precise.

If you are a Midway resident, especially if you live on 250 West, you will want to mark these days on your calendar because the Utah National Guard's Engineering Unit will be in Midway on a special mission, by

order of Governor Michael O. Leavitt himself.

Their mission will be twofold. First to build a road. Second to obtain practice in "war tactics."

They will build the road on 250 West, from Main Street to 500 South, making the road surface 26-feet wide, enclosing the west ditch and piping it. The east ditch will stay open.

There will be a six-foot pathway for walking on the west side of the road.

The "road crew" will be dressed in full military attire, complete with posted guards and M-16s on their backs, since they will be in a "war zone."

It is this Engineering Unit's job to build roads and airports after an area has been destroyed in battle. Sometime during the work on the road the unit will be "attacked," at least once, as if they were in Bosnia or some other area of unrest.

Mike Bronson said he remembers military drills run in Midway when he was a kid. One was on Main Street in front of the church.

"We sat on the lawn and watched ... as one team attacked the other, the fighting got pretty intense for a few minutes, then they all shook hands and went home. It was pretty neat."

So if you happen to see fighting break out between June 4 and 13, stand back and rest assured the National Guard will protect us, and in the process they will compact and build a road base for 250 West that will carry many from around the world safely to Soldier Hollow.

All of their labor will be donated as thanks to the community for the use of our area to run their drills.

Dennis Toleman, a former Midway resident, was instrumental in getting the Utah National

Guard to improve 250 West.

According to the story, Toleman shared his experiences in the Utah National Guard with Karl North while carpet was being installed at his step-son's home.

He told North the National Guard were working on roads in Park City and other areas that needed repair before the Olympics.

Karl told Dennis about 250 West in Midway.

Dennis knew exactly what forms to fill out and which people to approach. He contacted Mike Bronson, who got the ball rolling. Councilman Bronson followed Dennis's instructions and, within a week, Governor Leavitt ordered the National Guard to build the road.

"It all goes back to the old saying, 'It's not what you know, but who you know,'" Karl said. "We owe Dennis Toleman a debt of gratitude for helping us get this road."

The state will do the engineering for the road. Midway City will need to attack the existing road and tear up the asphalt before the troops arrive to fix it.

When the National Guard's "war tactics" and "road building" are over, Midway City will come in and lay down the new asphalt.

With the National Guard donating their time and labor, the state providing the engineering and Midway City spending their entire Class C road budget on the materials, 250 West will be ready to handle the traffic, parking and pedestrian needs for the Olympics.

The city councilmen will sleep better next winter, knowing those who will be making their way to and from Soldier Hollow each day for two weeks are on a much safer road than now exists.

"12", all three of you are supposed to punch in "12". This, I'm told is for routing purposes...

In a conventional elevator, say you get in the elevator at the lobby and select "24", and then, at about "8", you remember you needed to pick up something or "20", you're OK. You punch the "20" button and the elevator stops on "20", and then it goes to "24" without you. Not so with the Miconic 2000. No sirree. No more last minute errands en route. You don't stop on "20" unless someone selected "20".

elevator car and they go to select a floor, there aren't any floors from which to choose. One gentleman climbed in the elevator the other day, went to push his floor and realized there were no buttons. He didn't say anything. I could tell he was a bit perplexed as the car doors closed and we started our ascent. He finally looked at me and said "Excuse me, where am I going?"

Now, on a conventional elevator, when one is in a hurry and the elevator isn't there Johnny on the Spot, one will often punch the "U." or

And the same sort of logic is used when we try to communicate with someone who does not speak our language. We speak slowly and loudly, enunciating every word very clearly. Let's face it, if they don't understand English, "GO THREE BLOCKS AND TURN RIGHT AT THE LIGHT" is "Go three blocks and turn right at the light," no matter how slowly or loudly it is spoken. If they don't understand, they don't understand. It's not going to get the elevator there quicker, or the heat up any faster.

Senior News

Thursday, March 8: Porketts, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, applesauce, pork'n beans, roll and butter, sweet roll and milk.

Friday, March 9: Sweet and sour chicken on rice, broccoli, fruit salad, green salad, roll and butter, apple betty and milk.

Monday, March 12: Ham, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, canned peaches, fruit salad, roll and butter, chocolate cake and milk.

Tuesday, March 13: Baked chicken, parsley potatoes, carrots, canned pears, 3 bean salad, roll and butter, cookies and milk.

Wednesday, March 14: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, capri veg., cottage cheese & tomato, fruit cocktail, roll and butter, brownies and milk.

These meals are funded by Mountainland Association of Governments and the State of Utah.

Monthly Dinner

Our monthly dinner will be on Thursday, March 15, at 12 noon. You are to your own dishes. The program will be Lisa Romney - musical. If you want to

come and are not called by one of our callers, please call the Center at 654-4920 by Tuesday, March sign up.

Shopping

They are going to take the van to the Orem/Provo area shopping on Wednesday, March 14, and March 28. We will leave the Center at 9:30 a.m. Please note the time change. Call the Center and sign up. The cost is \$2 each. They always have a good time and they go to Chuck-A-Rama to eat.

Income Tax

We have a lady coming to do income taxes. She will be here starting Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. You need to call the Center at 654-4920 and make an appointment. She will be here each Tuesday thereafter until April 10.

Firesides

Our Firesides are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. We have some very good programs and we are sure you won't want to miss them.

March 12: David Ekins, singing.

March 19: ReNée Carlile, musical

March 26: To be announced.

HEAT Program

The Utah Home Energy Assistance Target program (HEAT) will start on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and each Monday and Wednesday thereafter. Blaine Webster will be at the Center, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Elderly and Disabled on Nov. 1.

The General Public will start on Nov. 15. You will need to bring Social Security cards for all household members over 18 years of age, proof of income, your highest gas and light bill, both for the same month, medical payments prior to the month you sign up.

Monthly Income limits for the program are:

1 person household, \$870; 2 person household, \$1,172; 3 person household, \$1,474; 4 person household, \$1,776; 5 person household, \$2,078; 6 person household, \$2,380.